

**Easterling, Deborah**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2011 4:09 PM  
**To:** 'anne graham masters'  
**Subject:** RE: STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

Dear Ms. Masters,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Assistant

**From:** Anne Graham Masters [<mailto:agmasters@charter.net@change.org>] **On Behalf Of** anne graham masters  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2011 10:07 PM [agmasters@charter.net](mailto:agmasters@charter.net)  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

Dear Public Service Commission member,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Members of the SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC

Today, I signed this petition that urges you (SC PSC) to oppose allowing DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC to raise my (Residential, Commercial or Industrial) energy bills to pay for Duke Energy who is asking to begin recouping \$6.5 billion it says it has spent to modernize its system in the Carolinas and comply with environmental regulations.

Simply put, "This is their (Duke Energy's) cost of doing business here in South Carolina". As I feel they are no different than any other business in South Carolina. We thoroughly recognize that one must spend money to make money.

By your approval of raising ENERGY BILLS on FAMILIES, SENIORS, and BUSINESSES (Including the Commercial & Industrial sectors) will only SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTH and hurt SOUTH CAROLINA'S economic recovery.

Sincerely,  
Very Concerned South Carolinian

Seems like they have enough money - see <http://clclt.com/theclog/archives/2011/11/04/duke-energy-among-37-big-corporations-that-paid-zero-tax-in-2010>

"In 2010, Duke Energy reported an annual profit of more than \$2 billion. ...considering that the statutory federal corporate income tax rate is 35 percent, you'd probably think Duke Energy should have owed the IRS around \$750 million. Well, guess what? According to a major new report by the Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy and Citizens for Tax Justice, Duke actually had a tax liability of minus \$2 million.

anne graham masters  
greenville, South Carolina

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at [www.change.org/petitions/oppose-duke-energy-request-to-increase-general-energy-rates](http://www.change.org/petitions/oppose-duke-energy-request-to-increase-general-energy-rates). To respond, email [responses@change.org](mailto:responses@change.org) and include a link to this petition.